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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, IAEA, TECH, YO
SUBJECT: KRSKO

REF: STATE 076337

1. CHARGE MET APRIL 6 WITH BERNARDIC, WHO IS NOW ACTING FORIEGN SECRETARY (WITH ILLNESS OF MINIC AND ABSENCE IN NEW DELHI OF MOJSOV). CHARGE ASKED BERNARDIC WHETHER HE HAD ANYTHING NEW REGARDING KRSKO TO DISCUSS. LATTER REPLIED NO, THAT YUGOSLAV CARDS ARE OPEN AND THAT RESOLUTION/COMPROMISE WILL HAVE TO BE REACHED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF OBLIGATIONS YUGOSLAVS HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO. LATEST YUGOSLAV TEXT, HE STATED, MEETS THIS REQUIREMENT WHILE LAST US POSITION CONTRADICTIONARY TO SUBJECT MATTER IF GOY HAD AGREED TO MEET THE CONCRETE REQUESTS OF THE USG, EXISTING IAEA CONTROL SYSTEMS WOULD BE BROUGHT INTO QUESTION. GOY WISHES TO FIND SOMETHING WHICH DOES NOT INFRINGE ON YUGOSLAV SOVEREIGNTY AND DOES NOT CREATE ISSUES IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WHICH ARE GENERALLY FRIENDLY.

2. ASKED BY BERNARDIC WHETHER HE HAD ANY SUGGESTIONS TO
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IMPROVE PRESENT TEXT CHARGE READ PROPOSED REVISION IN PARA 2 (REFTEL) AND GAVE COPY THAT PARA BERNARDIC. BEFORE READING CHARGE NOTED THAT MAIN US CONCERN WAS REPROCESSING AND TRANSFER OF FUELS IRRADIATED IN KRSKO.

3. BERNARDIC SAID PROPOSED REVISION WOULD HAVE TO BE STUDIED BUT OFFERED AS A PRELIMINARY COMMENT WHAT HE

CALLED "ONE SERIOUS CONTRADICTION, A LEGA INACCURACY."
HE SAID THAT FROM NPT ENSUES THAT RETRANSFER REPROCESSING
ARE PERMITTED BUT UNDER STRICT CONTROL OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS
WITHOUT ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS, DESPITE WHAT PROPOSED TEXT READS.
HE SAID IF YUGOSLAVS ACCEPTED US REQUEST NPT ITSELF WOULD BE
WEAKENED RATHER THAN STRENGTHENED. HOWEVER, HE PROMISED TO BE
IN TOUCH WITH CHARGE TOMORROW, APRIL 7, WITH A FORMAL RESPONSE.

4. CHARGE QUESTIONED BERNARDIC'S FINAL POINT BY NOTING
FIRST THAT UNDER THE CATEGORY OF US PROVIDED MATERIALS
AND FUELS THERE WOULD BE NO CONCEIVABLE WAY TO WEAKEN
THE TREATY USING THE PROPOSED LANGUAGE, AND SECOND,
REGARDING ANY FUEL IRRADIATED IN KRSKO, DISCUSSIONS AND
AGREEMENTS WOULD BE WITHIN THE TERMS OF NPT AND ITS
BASIC PURPOSES. CHARGE NOTED THAT OUR PRESENT
REFORMULATION IS DESIGNED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT YUGOSLAV
DESIRES TO REACH SOLUTION WITHIN EXISTING AGREEMENTS.

5. BERNARDIC HAD COMMENCED DISCUSSION BY THANKING
CHARGE FOR ADVANCE NOTIFICATION ON PRESIDENT'S FORTH-
COMING NUCLEAR POLICY STATEMENT. HE SAID HAD NO
OFFICIAL GOY COMMENTS TO OFFER AT THIS TIME BUT PROMISED
TO OPEN A DIALOGUE WITH US ON ENTIRE RANGE OF SUBJECTS
TO BE COVERED IN PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT. HE SAID HE WOULD
BE INTERESTED IN HAVING THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AND CHARGE UNDERTOOK TO SEE WHETHER
ADVANCE COPY COULD BE OBTAINED FOR GOY.

6.COMMENT: OCCURS TO US THAT "SERIOUS CONTRADICTION"
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CITED BY BERNARDIC (PARA 3 ABOVE) IS DESIGNED PROTECT
YUGOSLAV NOT RPT NOT US INTERESTS. GENESIS WAS IN REPEATED
EMPHASIS BY YUGOSLAVS DURING DISCUSSION ON NEED TO
FIND SOLUTION WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING INTERNATIONAL
AGREEMENTS. WE SEE NO REAL LOSS TO US FOR
DROPPING PHRASE STATING THAT "IT ENSUES FROM NPT ETC"
AND BEGINNING PARAGRAPH 4 (C) BY "WITH RESPECT TO
ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR PLANT KRSKO ETC" WOULD
APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO THIS IDEA.
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